

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 PARIS 00694 091850Z

71

ACTION EUR-25

INFO OCT-01 NEA-10 ISO-00 SCEM-02 TRSE-00 SCI-06 COME-00

EB-11 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00

NSC-10 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01 SPC-03 SS-20 USIA-15

ACDA-19 IO-14 DRC-01 /166 W
----- 054763

R 091828Z JAN 74

FM AMEMBASSY PARIS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5960

INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

C O N F I D E N T I A L PRIS 0694

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MASS, FR, SA

SUBJECT: FRANCO-SAUDI OIL AND ARMS SALES; ARMS SALES TO ABU DHABI

1. DURING JANUARY 9 CALL ON CHARGE, ISRAELI MINISTER HADASS STATED THAT THE FRENCH HAVE AGREED TO SUPPLY SAUDI ARABIA WITH 350 AMX AND AML TANKS (WE HOPE TO HAVE THE BREAKDOWN FROM HIM LATER THIS WEEK). THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT PROVIDED FOR DELIVERY OF THE TANKS OVER A PERIOD ENDING IN 1977 BUT, ACCORDING TO HADASS, PRESIDENT POMPIDOU HAS DECIDED, AS EVIDENCE FRENCH GOOD WILL, THE TOTAL ORDER WILL BE SHIPPED BY THE END OF 1974. DECISION TO THAT EFFECT ALREADY CONVEYED TO SAUDIS. HADASS CLAIMED THAT THE ACCELERATED SCHEDULE WOULD BE AT THE EXPENSE OF PROGRAMMED DELIVERIES TO THE FRENCH ARMY.

2. HADASS ALSO SAID THAT HE HAS THE IMPRESSION THE FRENCH ARE NOT SANGUINE ABOUT SAUDI WILLINGNESS TO CONCLUDE A LARGE-SALE DEAL INVOLVING THE PROVISION OF 800 MILLION TONS OF OIL OVER A 20 YEAR PERIOD IN RETURN FOR TECHNICAL AND INVESTMENT ASSISTANCE AND INDUSTRIAL AND MILITARY SALES AND BARTER WHICH THE FRENCH STILL WANT VERY MUCH TO
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 PARIS 00694 091850Z

NEGOTIAE. HE INDICATED THAT THE FRENCH ARE PREPARED TO

GO VERY FAR TO PUT OVER SUCH A DEAL AND SPECULATED THAT FONMIN JOBERT WOULD OFFER INTER ALIA ADDITIONAL ARMS WHEN HE VISITS JIDDA LATER THIS MONTH.

3. HADASS STATED THAT THE REPORT, WHICH THE FRENCH HAVE DENIED, THAT THEY WILL DELIVER 28 MIRAGES TO ABU DHABI SHOULD BE TAKEN AS ACCURATE, THOUGH DELIVERIES ARE TO BE MADE IN TWO TRANCHES OF FOURTEEN EACH. HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH IT HAS NOT YET BEEN ANOUNCED, JOBERT WILL VISIT ABU DHABI, IN ADDITION TO SAUDI ARABIA AND KUWAIT, IN LATE JANUARY.

4. COMMENT: WE HAVE NOT HEARD ANY REPORT TO CONFIRM HADASS' VIEW THAT THE FRENCH ARE SKEPTICAL ABOUT BEING ABLE TO PULL OFF THE LARGE-SCALE DEAL. TO THE CONTRARY, OUR OTHER SOURCES APPEAR TO CONSIDER IT ALMOST A SURE THING.
STONE

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PETROLEUM, ARMS SHIPMENTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 09 JAN 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: kelleyw0
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974PARIS00694
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: PARIS
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740153/aaaabyhz.tel
Line Count: 77
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: kelleyw0
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 24 APR 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <24 APR 2002 by boyleja>; APPROVED <30-Sep-2002 by kelleyw0>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: FRANCO-SAUDI OIL AND ARMS SALES; ARMS SALES TO ABU DHABI
TAGS: PFOR, MASS, FR, SA
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005